AGCO Unveils Next Generation of Axial Combines

IDEAL to Revolutionize Global Harvesting Offering

AGCO (NYSE: AGCO), a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment, today unveiled IDEAL, its new top range combine harvester, in Breganze, Italy. “The IDEAL combine is the result of many years of R&D, countless engineering hours, committed teamwork, and leading industry expertise,” said Martin Richenhagen, AGCO Chairman, President and CEO. “It is yet another result of AGCO’s tireless efforts to deliver the most innovative solutions to farmers feeding the world.”

Fendt IDEAL. Recolour your Harvest.

The development of the IDEAL combine is also a significant step to continuously strengthen AGCO’s global harvesting offering and to solidify AGCO’s position as the leading full line manufacturer of agricultural solutions.

The new generation of combines is the result of a global “Voice of Customer” study. The findings showed that there is a need for an entirely new combine platform, prompting AGCO’s R&D team to start from a “blank sheet of paper.”

A global team from different AGCO sites developed the features customers had pointed out in the study. “IDEAL is part of AGCO’s global platform strategy that supports synergies across different regions, saves cost, and optimizes supply chain management. Like AGCO’s Global Series tractors, this combine platform expresses our commitment to brand-new designs, and to practical solutions that empower farmers across the world to be more productive and to feed a growing world population,” said Eric Hansotia, Senior Vice President, Global Crop Cycle & Fuse Connected Services.

Close to 50 combine prototypes were built and tested in the lab, on the field and around the globe in varying environments to develop a unique combine that is able to be used for all crops and operate in all conditions, in all parts of the world.

“Our customers harvest in many different conditions, and each farm has a unique set of requirements for their operation,” continued Hansotia. “The IDEAL combine aims at exceeding our customers’ needs and expectations. It is the most innovative combine we have ever produced and an investment in the future of harvesting. IDEAL will change the way harvesting is done today.”

At the heart of the IDEAL combine is an efficient processing system which outperforms on grain and straw quality, grain handling, power efficiency, and capacity in a wide variety of conditions.

The IDEAL combine features the latest patented innovations from AGCO’s Fuse Connected Services division, is fully connected, offers an automated combine adjustment system, and Real Time Crop Flow visualization.

IDEAL stands for ease of use and optimizing complex harvesting operations by providing the efficiency, visibility and the comfort farmers need on the field.

IDEAL is the first high capacity combine of its kind with such a narrow body and unique for its impressive design. IDEAL is designed for convenient road transportation.

IDEAL will be available in three of AGCO’s core brands: Challenger, Fendt and Massey Ferguson and will debut at Agritechnica in November 2017.

The new combine will be launched into different markets in 2018. IDEAL will be offered in 3 different models, 7, 8 and 9, will be available with tires or tracks, and also in ParaLevel version.

For more information about the product, please see the Fendt and Massey Ferguson press releases.

About AGCO

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